

Abandoned Motor Vehicles

In order for a Georgia Certificate of Title to be issued on an abandoned motor vehicle, the Abandoned Motor Vehicle Law requires the vehicle to be sold at a public sale.* A certificate of title **cannot** be obtained for an abandoned vehicle on the basis of a surety bond. Therefore, the following documents must be forwarded to the Motor Vehicle Division or the County Tag Office.

1. Title Application (MV-1)

Must be completed in detail. The application must be typed in full and signed by the applicants.

2. Court Order

A certified copy of the Court Order, which authorized the sale of the vehicle.

3. Bill of Sale

A signed bill of sale from the person authorized by the court to sell the vehicle to the applicant.

4. Certificate of Title

The current certificate of title (if available).

5. Certification of Inspection

A T-22B completed by a law enforcement officer after a visual inspection of the vehicle's serial plate has been made (if there is not Georgia Title on record).

6. If the applicant and party that were authorized to sell the vehicle are the same, a signed and notarized affidavit must be submitted stating that a public sale was held and the applicant was the highest and best bidder.

7. Lien or Security Interest Release

For T-4 (lien or security interest release) for all liens or security interest holders shown on our file records, if the court order does not state that the vehicle is to be sold free of all liens or encumbrances.

8. Advertisement

The vehicle must be advertised for sale in the newspaper. The advertisement must reflect a full vehicle description (year, make, VIN). If the purchaser of the abandoned vehicle is also the seller of the abandoned vehicle, a copy of the newspaper advertisement is needed.

9. Surrender of License Plates (Form T-158)

The pink copy of Form T-158 which indicates that the license plate was surrendered to the Motor Vehicle Division or County Tag Office or that there was no license plate on the vehicle must be submitted if the current tag receipt is unavailable for transfer.

10. Processing Fee

\$18.00 can be paid by Cash, Certified Check or Money Order. **Do not mail cash.**

*Public Sale

"Public Sale" means a sale:

Held at a place reasonably available to persons who might desire to attend and submit bids; and

At which those attending shall be given the opportunity to bid on a competitive basis; and

At which the sale, if made, shall be made to the highest and best bidder; and

Except as otherwise provided in this title for advertising or dispensing with the advertising of public sales, of which notice is given by advertisement once a week for two weeks in the newspaper in which the sheriff's advertisement are published in the county where the sale is to be held, and which notice shall state the day and hour, between 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., and the place of sale and shall briefly identify the goods to be sold.